

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Attorney Ref.: ZP193-05002
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**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)(2) AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Dear Sir:

This communication is being submitted as a supplement to the reply to an Office Action mailed January 7, 2008, in the above-referenced patent Application. The Applicants hereby notify the Examiner that the present case is related to copending U.S. Patent App. Nos. 11/361,131; 11/361,621; 11/361,733; 11/361,880; 11/361,895; 11/362,424, all filed on February 24, 2006.

In addition, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), submitted herewith. This IDS is submitted prior to the mailing of a final Office Action. Accordingly, a payment, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), of \$180.00 is accompanied with this response.

Conclusion

The Applicants thank the Examiner for attention to this matter. If the Examiner believes that prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with the Applicants' counsel, in person or over the telephone, the Applicants' counsel would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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